

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 32-38, rejected in the Office Action, are above canceled.

Claims 39-42, withdrawn from consideration in the Office Action, are above canceled.

Claims 28-31 are indicated as allowable in the Office Action, the Examiner stating, as reasons for allowance as follows.

...The prior art does not disclose a method for use in assembling conductors with a mounting panel comprising the steps of providing a cable tie with a head and a tail portion and a bias to a planar condition, attaching a securing member to the tail using the self-bias of the tail, and attaching the securing member and the tail to the mounting panel using the self-bias of the tail.

Undersigned states applicant's agreement with such statement of the Examiner and will not be filing comments on the statement of reasons for allowance.

Further, undersigned notes that the statement of reasons for allowance read on the version of claim 28 set forth in the "Supplement Amendment" filed by facsimile on January 9, 2006 and not on the version of claim 28 set forth in the "Amendment" filed with the subject RCE application. Accordingly, claims 28-31 are entered above verbatim as new claims 43-46 and claims 28-31 are canceled to correct undersigned's error.

Reliance is placed on In re Fine, 5 USPQ 2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and Ex parte Kochan, 131 USPQ 204 (Bd. App. 1960) for allowance of dependent claims 47-51, since they differ in scope from parent independent claim 43 submitted as patentable.

In the Office Action mailed on December 3, 2004 in the parent application, the drawings were objected to by the Examiner and a requirement was set forth for the filing of corrected drawings. In the response of applicant, filed by facsimile on April 1, 2005 with a request and fee for a one-month extension of time, drawing corrections were filed. In the ensuing Office Action, mailed on July 11, 2005, no statement re the filed drawing corrections was made, nor were issues raised in connection with the drawings.

Can undersigned assume that the drawings are accepted for printing with the expected patent?

Patentability of all claims is believed to have been established and, as such, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Indication to that effect is solicited.

This paper is timely filed by facsimile on this 14th day of February, 2006.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone undersigned counsel for applicant at (212) 682-9640.

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